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¶1. (SBU) On June 16, Emboff delivered reftel talking points about APHIS' proposal to establish criteria for more effective approval of imports of certain fruits and vegetables into the U.S. to Ganesh K.C., Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives; Prachanda Man Shrestha, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Industry, Commerce, and Supplies; and Raja Ram Bhartola, Desk Officer, America's Desk, Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Secretary K.C. was grateful for the information and agreed to review the information on the web link given in the talking points. Joint Secretary Shrestha commented that, although Nepal's mango production was down this year, perhaps in the future Nepal could benefit from the proposed easier import regulations for certain fruits and vegetables.

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